

1994 FAR WEST DIVISION ELECTION NOTIFICATIONS

Nominations are now open for the following Regional Director positions: Arizona, Eastern Sierra, Mother Lode, and Southern California. Your nomination must be sent in writing to the Divisional Election Chairperson, Janice Waits, and postmarked no later than April 10, 1994. Consult a regional officer or your regional by-laws, officer's handbook, and ski patrol manual for qualifications. Please forward a resume and position statement, if desired (limit two pages) to:

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CLIFF'S CONNECTION

by Cliff Chewning
Division Director

What a difference a year makes! Last year the Sierra Nevada had 25 feet not 25 inches of snow. The resorts in the south of our division are still skiing on man-made snow with daytime temps reaching the mid sixties. It looks like California may be headed for another drought. Oh well let's hope for the best.

The National mid-winter meeting is set for the end of January 1994. Ray Bryan, Tom Vanella, and myself will be in attendance. Several topics will be brought to the table for discussion. Ray has been involved in the formation of snowboard patrolling issues while I have been working on a Certified Patroller evaluation committee. The certified program will be presented in a positive way with a few minor changes. The changes would include items not presently covered in the current Senior Manual. The committee is also looking at a name change so that confusion won't occur so often with the word "certified". Ed Gassman, FWD Certified Advisor, sent all of the information he received from the surveys returned by concerned patrollers to me for consideration by the committee.

The New Paradigm Committee is well on its way to re-engineer the organizational structure to better reflect the mission of the National Ski Patrol. Ideas and opinions have been randomly solicited from patrollers across the country. A few of the issues being tackled by the group are line officer structure, student certification process, and registration. The attempt is to attack this in bite-size pieces with a plan of implementa-

tion which does not ram programs down your throat. I am always open to suggestions and ideas regarding any facet of the NSPS.

A Far West Division mid-winter meeting will be held in early February. Some of the major topics facing us as a Division are the delivering of quality training programs such as avalanche and mountaineering, kicking off the new senior auxiliary module, finding easier ways to communicate among ourselves just to name a few. Be sure to contact your Regional Director and his staff regarding any ideas you may have which will improve the operation of the organization.

By the time this edition of the Patroller Peek gets to you, these meetings will have

already taken place. The main theme I'm trying to get across here is communicate with one another. We have a summer meeting scheduled for early August to be hosted by the Central Region in the mountains above Fresno, CA. This is the best forum for ideas to flow among the masses. Be sure to read the article in this issue regarding this upcoming event.

In closing, we need to keep looking to the future and keep pace with an ever changing ski industry. We will continue to add educational services and programs as needed to serve the area operators and industry. We are the best trained and most dedicated group of people in the world. Be proud of your affiliation with the NSPS and have a safe and white and cold season.

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CERTIFIED PROGRAM APPROVED BY NATIONAL BOARD

by Cliff Chewning
Division Director

As most of you know I have been participating on a board level committee working to save the Certified Program from doom or extinction. With a unanimous approval of the National Board of Directors, a new and improved Certified Program will be developed and implemented over the next two years. The input received by FWD Certified Advisor Ed Gassman was used to define the elements of this future program. Below I will summarize the key points including the mission statement, goals, and objectives.

The mission statement reads as follows: "Certified program is a national educational program that provides a readily identifiable resource of highly motivated, skilled, and knowledgeable patrollers to better serve NSP and ski area management." The major goals include to provide training and evaluation on a broad range of patrol skills and knowledge while increasing a patroller's awareness of issues relevant to ski area operations. This will provide the readily identifiable resource of skilled patrollers to serve the NSP and ski area management through instruction and/or leadership.

The first pass at course content included the following objectives:

1. Demonstrate exceptional skiing and toboggan handling ability on all terrain and snow conditions.
2. Demonstrate a working knowledge of ski area operations that affect patrol activities including but not limited to risk management, lift operations, hill safety, disaster preparations, budgeting and planning, public relations, and interactions with other ski area departments.
3. Demonstrate the ability to develop and implement a lift evacuation plan.
4. Demonstrate the knowledge needed to develop and implement a major emergency response plan (e.g. avalanche rescues, out of bounds rescues, fire, explosion, etc.)
5. Successfully complete an NSP Instructor Development: Phase I course and an instructor development course (Phase II, if developed) for an approved discipline (e.g. WEC, Ski and Toboggan, CPR, Avalanche, Mountaineering, etc.)
6. Demonstrate the knowledge and ability to instruct others in WEC related situations.
7. Divisions will be allowed to add additional core components as needed with approval from the national level.

A few general comments to be worked through during the development are prerequisites, name changes, recertification (time, components, etc.), reciprocity, recommendations and such. The overwhelming consensus of the committee, BOD and patroller input was to make sure that no feeling of exclusiveness existed in the new program. It should not be perceived as a "special and elite club". The modules will benefit the general patrol and therefore should be developed with the understanding that they will be available to ALL patrollers.

An action team will be appointed by the National Chairman to develop and field test this program. So your input is still required. This is an excellent opportunity to make the FWD shine. I will be providing names to Dick Rosston, National Advisor, so a team can be selected and formed soon. Let's continue to set the pace and define the future of our organization.

(Note from Ed Gassman, Certified Advisor: It is both exciting and frustrating to try and speculate exactly what the new NSP certified program will entail, especially since it will take two to three years for the program to evolve. During this period of program definition I encourage all of you to continue to let me know your ideas. But if you are interested in an excellent educational opportunity don't wait - start this year. This year we've had an excellent level of interest from patrollers in the southern part of the Division who are studying hard for the spring testing clinic. It would be great to have a few more patrollers from the rest of the Division. Please contact Tom Battenburg at (714) 964-0154 (Southern), John Wright at (209) 838-8463 (Mother Lode), Jeff Gile at (916) 773-0425 (Northern), or myself at (303) 667-8814 if you are interested or have questions.)

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PATROLLER ENRICHMENT SEMINAR

NEW SENIOR ELECTIVE

by Eileen Barlage
National Auxiliary Advisor

This program was developed to fill a need for patrollers who desire to become more involved with the NSP, but need skills and resources to hold leadership positions and fill responsibilities for their patrols and divisions. It is a senior elective for Alpine and Nordic Patrollers and a core requirement for Senior Auxiliary. A new program needs explanation. Here are a few of the things you can expect to learn by taking it:

- Advanced skill levels in patrol room facilities management, patrol organizational and administrative skills.

Patrollers will explore a variety of patrol room responsibilities available and be able to assess patrol facilities activities. They will learn about a patrol's administrative obligations in complying with ski area's risk management incident investigation responsibilities. They will gain understanding of the patrol's policies and procedures for a specific program or activity.

- Ideas for expanded patroller services for management and the skiing public.

Patrollers will communicate in small groups to explore the services that would be most effective in enhancing ski area services. Appropriate paths will be traced to identify avenues to pursue for educational or leadership roles within a patrol, region, or division.

The PES will offer information for improving patrol and program management, and help train patrollers for leadership positions within the National Ski Patrol. PES is a valuable tool to help patrollers striving to reach their potential. Try it - we think you'll like it! See your division calendar or Division Auxiliary Advisor for details and dates.

MOUNTAINEERING NEWS

by Terry McNeill
Mountaineering Advisor

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you, and to officially start off on a positive note. Don Haisley stepped down to accept a teaching position in Sun Valley, Idaho. He and family were gone in short notice. There was little time for a transition or notice to everyone. We talked on the phone for a short time, and that was the changing of the guard.

A brief history of myself may be in order. I joined the NSPS in 1976 at Mountain High, Southern California. Completed Basic M and Advanced M in two years. Completed the Senior program in 1979. Patrol Director at Mountain High for four years. Section Chief Wrightwood area for two years, and Southern California Regional Director for two years. National Appointment number 6528 in 1986. I am a fire captain for the city of Colton, and have 22 years on the job. My wife, Bonnie, is a nurse at Loma Linda University Medical Center. When I'm not doing Ski Patrol business, I'm off climbing mountains.

I am looking forward to quality leadership and Instructor participation throughout the Division. I am very interested in our growth potential and how to better serve the Division. I will be available to help any advisor and will see that all regions have a Mountaineering program. I look forward to working with you in the future.

The Tri-Advisory meeting, held November 6 and 7 in Yosemite, went very well. Steven Niessner, Nordic Advisor put on a good program and we learned quite a bit from the guest speakers. At the break away session, I met some of the regional mountaineering advisors. We had a good discussion on the wants and needs of the Regions. The first review of the new NSPS Mountaineering Manual was passed out for corrections and editing. It's a rough draft so it has lots of areas to be looked at and comments made. We set a date for an Advanced rope work class, it will be held on Sunday at next year's Tri Advisory meeting in Yosemite.

I have been in touch with Karen Swartz of Lassen Volcanic Ski Patrol. I will be putting on a rope work class for her sometime this spring, details and dates to be announced.

Again, I encourage comments and suggestions to help make a strong program for the Regions. I look forward to working with you and meeting you personally.

SIERRA SUMMIT HOSTS FIRST PES

by Sue Kapis

The Central Region and Sierra Summit were the proud hosts of the first Patroller Enrichment Seminar (PES) in the nation, under the new and approved format, the weekend of January 22 and 23, 1994. Sue Kapis, Central Region Auxiliary Advisor and Mary Jo Englund, Sierra Summit Auxiliary Advisor were the organizers of the event. Guest instructors flown-in especially for the PES included Eileen Barlage - National Auxiliary Advisor, David Rohrdanz - Far West Divisional Auxiliary Advisor, Cece Rohrdanz - Southern California Regional Senior Auxiliary Advisor, and Susan Kaempfer - Southern California Regional Auxiliary Advisor. The twelve participants included Sierra Summit's Patrol Director, Bret Sullivan and the Pro Patrol Supervisor/Risk Manager, Mike Nolan. The class was divided between five Auxiliary Patrollers and seven Alpine Patrollers. The eight hour class covered four topics: Patrol Facilities Management, Administrative Policies Management, Expanded Patrol Services to Ski Areas and NSP Education/Leadership Opportunities. It was held over two days to allow patrollers and instructors time to enjoy the skiing at Sierra Summit which included bright sun on Saturday and new powder on Sunday. Special thanks to Sierra Summit's area management for providing accommodations for our special guests.

E-MAIL AND THE NSP

by Jeff Gile

Electronic mail has finally arrived for the National Ski Patrol. The expression e-mail is new to most ski patrollers. It is a technique for sending written messages over wire from computer to computer. Inside a business it can be used to send memos to other employees using an internal computer network. Outside a business, phone lines are used for transmission. Whether you are computer literate or not, you have probably heard of the on-line services of Compuserve and Prodigy. Each of these (and other on-line services) has the ability to transmit e-mail from one user to another within that particular service. There is also a means to communicate between services using a system called Internet.

Internet is an organization of large computer users which maintains a network for communication between systems. It was originally government sponsored and was intended for research within government agencies and universities. It has now expanded into the private sector and connects to businesses and to online services as well.

Our National Ski Patrol office in Lakewood has kept up with the technology and uses e-mail. Each key employee has a terminal which is networked to the main computer and allows them to pass information and memos around the office. When staff members are out of the office they use the GENie online service.

The benefits of using e-mail are considerable: your messages are transmitted instantaneously within a specific service (delayed by a few minutes to a few hours between services), you know that the other party received the message, you can send a message at any time of the day or night, and it is less expensive to use than telephone or traditional U.S. Mail. All you need to be a part of this new way to communicate is a computer terminal (of any type) and a telephone modem. You can sign on with any of the on-line services, and you are ready to go. The costs of the various services are tabulated below. You can use any service that you wish. They can all talk with one another.

As you can see by the chart, the rates vary a bit from service to service. All of the services offer more than just e-mail. If you want to shop around for the service which would suit you best, most of them offer a free one month trial period. If you have no particular reason to chose one service over another because of features, ask your friends about their experiences with various services.

As more and more patrollers go on-line you will find that your communications within the patrols will improve. You will be able to distribute patrol newsletters and memos instantly with almost no cost. There is no doubt that you will always have a small group of people who will be resistant to e-mail, but as time goes on that group of people will diminish.

The major reason why I like to use e-mail is that I can send a message with almost no effort. I can grab an e-mail address from my electronic address book, write a line or two, click the send button and I am done. I can do this in my office, home, hotel room, or ski cabin without going near a post office. And this is to send and receive. I will get any pending messages when I log-on to my service. No one has to be out of touch any more.

The most difficult part of using e-mail in the NSP will be to accumulate e-mail addresses from our members. Our national office has been slow to add items to the national data base. Only recently they have agreed to ask for business phone numbers on the annual registration forms. Probably more than half of our members have fax phone numbers and a double digit percentage of our members have an e-mail address. These items should be in our national system data base.

If you wish to send messages to the national office, the internet address is "natoffice@genie.geis.com". To contact me, use "jrgile@aol.com".

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THE FUTURE OF SNOWBOARDERS AND THE NSP

by Ray Bryan
Assistant Division Director

Although alpine patrolling has long been dominated by traditional alpine ski equipment, there have been other alternative types of equipment on the slopes. For example, alpine ski areas still share the slopes with a small number of telemark and mono-skiers. But until the snowboard there has not been another skiing implement of sufficient popularity to warrant much attention. At first, snowboarders represented just another fringe group with a novel new way of getting down the slopes. Later, as their numbers grew, they were the source of statistical variation in the types of injuries a patroller may see. In the past few years they have been associated with abusive skier behavior attributable in part to the domination of their ranks by youthful individuals, surfer etiquette, and a lack of formal instruction.

Snowboarding has demonstrated itself not to be a passing fad, and their numbers have not remained small. Rather, snowboarding now accounts for over 10% of ticket sales nationwide and is the primary means by which young people are entering the sport. Industry projections are for about 1/3 of all people utilizing alpine ski areas to be on snowboards in five years. Some ski areas have been experimenting with a patroller or two on a snowboard to build a closer relationship with their snowboarding patrons. However, the main reason for bringing snowboarders into the NSP will not be improved relationships or the mitigation of inappropriate behavior. The reason will be the significant number of snowboarders in the group from which we will draw our new members.

Early this fall Jack Mason, National Chairman, appointed a Snowboard Action Team to investigate how to integrate snowboarding into the programs of the National Ski Patrol. A major objective of the committee was to determine what duties should patrollers perform on snowboards, what should be the performance standards, and should there be separate training for snowboard patrollers. As the Far West Division's representative on this committee, and a non-snowboarder

with few preconceptions, I felt in a position to provide an objective view on the topic. Thus, the first things I set out to determine were the current status of snowboard patrolling in the Far West Division, and the general feeling of the membership. A survey I sent out this fall to Patrol Directors, Section Chiefs, and Regional Directors indicated that few areas have adopted the concept of using snowboard patrollers for improved relations, and very few have included toboggan transportation in their duties. Some are awaiting direction from the NSP. Grass roots efforts to integrate snowboarding into patrol activities appear to have grown more rapidly in other parts of the country. However, this in no way reflects the attitude in the Far West. From my conversations and correspondence with a cross section of patrol administration, snowboarding patrollers, and our membership I have found widespread agreement on the issues. Everyone seems to concur that a snowboarder who can meet our current performance based objectives for toboggan handling, or any other skill, should be able to perform these skills as a patroller.

The Eastern Division recently held a clinic with its snowboard demo team and division ski and toboggan training staff.

DID YOU VOTE FOR PEROT? by Daryl Whitcher

We've all seen the "Don't blame me..." bumper stickers which seem to be prevalent these days, especially in California. Whether you voted 'Ross for Boss' or for the incumbent or for the current President, one thing is clear - you exercised your right to vote.

The elections for officers of the National Ski Patrol have always received great attention, and, by and large, very good voter response. Throughout the nation, analysis of election returns indicate that from 75 to 78% of all ballots are returned, with the occasional return as high as 80% - according to statistics from recent Divisional elections kept by our National Office.

Surprisingly, the return of ballots in recent Far West Division elections has fallen behind the national average. The March 1993 election for Division Director yielded a 73.8% return; however, the July '93 special election to fill the vacant National Board Representative position yielded only 54.8% - only 51 ballots out of 93 were returned. The interest in the subsequent runoff election for National Board Representative was a little better with 66.3% of the ballots returned.

This February, the elected officers of the Far West Division will have another opportunity to express themselves and vote for the candidate of their choice. This important election is for our other Assistant Division Director/National Board Representative position. I urge all Patrol Directors, Section Chiefs, RDs and others to wield the power of the ballot - you are the only voice for your patrollers! Poll your constituency, support your leaders, communicate your wishes - VOTE!

(Editor's note: Don't be fooled - the ideas in this article are always timely!)

John Neal, Eastern Division Ski and Toboggan Advisor writes of the clinic as follows: "The staff observed the demo team free ski short, medium, and long radius turns and operate loaded and unloaded toboggan, front and tail. During the course of the weekend the demo team repeated all of these maneuvers many times on all available types of terrain and snow conditions. At the time of this writing a complete analysis of the data collected from the staff's score booklets has not yet been completed. My initial reaction, however, is that a snowboard used as a tool to operate a toboggan is in all observed situations at least equal to skis. In some situations, like breakable crust, snowboards seem far superior. The snowboarders seem to be able to handle even the toughest conditions effortlessly showing no fatigue after three days of constant toboggan handling. Movability and utility of a snowboard in a toboggan handling context must be seen to be believed. The demo team's performance certainly exceeded my expectations."

The Snowboard Action Team is currently in the process of drafting its recommendations to the National Board of Directors for presentation at their winter meeting.

ALPINE MEADOWS - AN OUTSTANDING PATROL!

by Janice Waits
Division Secretary

The Alpine Meadows was the recipient of the Outstanding Patrol in the Nation Award for the 1978-79 and 1981-82 years.

When doing years of service awards, the Alpine Meadows Patrol starts with people with 15 years or more. WHY? With 62 registered Alpine NSPS members, 33 patrollers received awards for 15 or MORE years of service; 24 had 20 or more years of service and 3 patrollers alone totaled 97 years of service!

This picture represents some of the 53% of the Alpine Meadows F-066 Patrol registration, with a combined total of 732 years of NSPS service. This picture also represents the following history of and in some cases, current service to the NSPS by positions held: Past Far West Division Director, FWD Board Representative, FWD Secretary; Eastern Sierra Section Chief & Regional Advisors in Mountaineering, First Aid & Proficiency; Many Past Patrol Directors & Ex-Pro Patrol Director; Past Outstanding Auxiliary in the Nation; as well as many current WEC, Proficiency, Mountaineering and Avalanche instructors. If that isn't impressive enough, there are more seniors and national numbers in this picture than there is room to list.



Above: Name (years of NSP service). Front Row L to R: Brian Watwood (26); Bob Schorer (26); Phil Matin (27); Bob Morrey (30); John Farkas (22); Joanne Barnes (32); Ken High (35); Elaine Houston (23); Sam Houston (24); Second Row L to R: Janice Waits (19); Bill Boller (22); Gail Irvine (21); Jimmy Sutton (19); Rod Waits (20); Thomas Raeth (18); Hugh McGuigan (25); Derek Hine (26); Rolf Fromm (26); Shelly Kay (24); Peter Palecek (17); Pam Slocum (22); Al Olston (24); Dave Cunningham (16); Back Row L to R: Bill Johnson (19); Rich Irvine (27); John Waite (28); Rob Huber (16); Don Sloat (20); Mel Stromfeld (18); Scott Nelson (23). Not pictured: Mike Kasperzak (17); Bob Schmidt (20).

PLANNING FOR 1994 SUMMER MEETING CONTINUES

by Sandy & Jim Schneider
Co-chairs, 1994 FWD Summer Meeting

Although still several months away, planning continues for this summer's Far West Fun Fest '94. The dates are August 4-7 at Sierra Summit Ski Area at Huntington Lake, California.

All patrollers (and families) are urged to plan to attend what promises to be the most fun and educational meeting ever. Not only will you come away a better trained and informed patroller, but a generous amount of fun will have been had as well - all at a very affordable price!

Besides the usual Divisional sub-meetings and leadership seminars, the educational opportunities will include a CPR refresher, Phase I training, ski tuning clinics and equipment displays. The aforementioned sub-meetings will give us all an opportunity to not only contribute in disciplines which most interest us, but to be the recipients of the latest information and planning.

Fun activities will include an Inter-Patrol volleyball tournament, mountain biking, hiking, horseback riding, fishing and water sports. The beautiful Huntington Lake area offers rentals of jet-skis, canoes, kayaks, catamarans, windsurfers and fishing boats.

Our goal is to attract as many patrollers as possible, and the prices will reflect this effort. Packages will start at \$105 for RVers and campers and \$145 for two nights lodging. All packages include meeting expenses and all meals. Three nights lodging and meal packages will also be available. Watch for the next issue of the *Patroller Peek* for all the details regarding costs, reservations, etc.

Mark your calendars now! August 4-7, 1994 are the dates, Sierra Summit at beautiful Huntington Lake is the place. For more information, please call or fax Sandy or Jim Schneider at (209) 298-8972.

NORDIC REPORT

by Steven A. Niessner
Nordic Advisor

Every year for some time now, an ever growing group of patrollers gets together for a fun, educational, and energetic gathering called the Far West Division Tri-Advisory meeting. This meeting, formerly known as the Tri-Discipline due to the three disciplines of Nordic Patrolling, Avalanche, and Mountaineering that it represents, is a multi-faceted event with topics of interest to virtually all patrollers. It is held every year in Yosemite National Park for this location's easy access, low cost, and of course, incredible beauty. It's much more than just a planning meeting for instructors or a training session. Read on.

Last year's gathering was held the weekend of November 6 and 7 and, despite some last minute planning, was well attended and praised by its participants. In addition to productive sessions on the three disciplines previously mentioned, a full-group discussion brought information, concerns, and ideas to all who attended. But this aspect was only part of this gathering's purpose.

Participants also learned about minimizing impact in the wilderness year-round, saw a presentation about ice-climbing on frozen waterfalls, and discovered the joy of map and compass from one of the best navigation training resources in the state. Following a delicious spaghetti dinner, the first evening was topped off once again with a fascinating and inspirational presentation by Mark Wellman, the paraplegic ranger known not just for his ascents in the park but for several other amazing feats including ski racing and a trans-Sierra ski tour.

The nordic discipline will once again host this event in 1994 and planning is already under way. It is scheduled for November 5 and 6. Some topics under discussion include presentations on backcountry skiing and ski equipment, advanced search & rescue practices in Yosemite, and a hands on mountaineering demonstration/exercise. More is in the planning stages and this year's gathering promises to continue the tradition of enjoyable occasions. Additional information and registration forms will appear in future editions of the *Patroller Peek*.

In the meantime, there are two important points I feel I need to make regarding the Tri-Advisory. First, not only is attendance open to all patrollers, but so is the planning process. Your comments and suggestions are both desired and welcomed. Format, topics, meal arrangements, and accommodations are all open for input. Let me know what you would like to have included. My address and phone are in the division roster.

Secondly, the Tri-Advisory is not a substitute for nor is it meant to detract from the FWD Summer Meeting to be held this August 6 and 7. These meetings serve different purposes and both are relevant and worth attending. (I know that most of the regular participants of the Tri-Advisory also attend the Summer meetings.) As both venues now have minimal cost as a goal, you can maximize your enjoyment and learning opportunities by attending both. Mark your calendars now!



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